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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, US, YS
SUBJECT: US FIRM INTERESTED IN DRILLING OFF SOUTH
YEMEN

1. W.B. TYSON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE OF READING
AND BATES DRILLING COMPANY WITH WHICH DEPT WAS IN-
VOLVED DURING THE LIBYAN-TUNISIAN OFF-SHORE DISPUTE,
CALLED US JULY 13 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF DOING SOME
OFF-SHORE DRILLING FOR PDRY (SOUTH YEMEN). TYSON SAID
READING AND BATES HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY STEVENS
PETROLEUM, A CANADIAN FIRM, WHICH HAD DRILLED AN OFF-
SHORE WELL FOR PDRY SIX MONTHS AGO. TYSON UNDERSTANDS
THAT PDRY IS SO ANXIOUS TO STRIKE OIL THAT DESPITE THE
ITS COMMUNIST COLORATION THE REGIME COOPERATES
ENTHUSIASTICALLY WITH OIL AND DRILLING COMPANIES.
TYSON ASKED ABOUT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PDRY.

2. EMBOFF REVIEWED FOR TYSON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
PDRY, AND NOTED USG HAS BEEN CAUTIONING AMERICANS ABOUT
VISITING PDRY. EMBOFF STRONGLY ADVISED READING AND
BATES TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
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BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY CONTRACT. HE GAVE TYSON NAMES
AND EXTENSION NUMBERS OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
CRAWFORD, TWINAM, AND BODINE IN NEA.

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